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Tēnā koutou

## Treaty settlement redress on Pitt Island

As you are aware, I am in negotiations on behalf of the Crown to settle the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (Ngāti Mutunga) in the Chatham Islands. Moriori signed an Agreement in Principle (AIP) in August 2017. Ngāti Mutunga remain in negotiations towards an AIP.

Ngāti Mutunga opposed the transfer of Crown land on Chatham Island to Moriori as proposed in the Moriori AIP. As an alternative, Moriori proposed the transfer of the Waihere and Glory blocks.

Pitt Island is of extremely high cultural and historical significance to Moriori as one of the earliest sites they inhabited in the Chatham Islands. It is therefore appropriate the settlement of their historical claims includes redress recognising their association with Pitt Island.

Members of the Pitt Island community have expressed concerns about the potential effect of Treaty settlement redress on the Pitt Island community and economy. My officials have made me fully aware of these concerns. As such, I am writing to inform you of the contents of the revised Crown offer to Moriori for redress relating to public conservation lands on Pitt Island. This redress has been developed with a view to addressing the concerns of the Pitt Island community.

The revised Crown offer to Moriori includes the offer to transfer to Moriori the following public conservation lands on Pitt Island:

- a. the Waihere and Glory blocks, subject to the following conditions:
  - the rental monies from the current and future leases will be paid to a new trust to be established by the Moriori post-settlement governance entity with 2 trustees to be members of the Pitt Island community;
  - the trust is to use the rental monies for social, educational, cultural, economic and ecological purposes on Pitt Island;
  - the terms of the existing grazing leases will be honoured until their expiry in 2026;
  - from 2026 5-plus-5 year leases of both blocks will be made available to members of the Pitt Island community;
  - the new trust will decide who receives future leases;
  - the Waihere and Glory blocks will thereafter be used for the social, educational, cultural, economic and ecological development of Pitt Island which could include grazing; and

- the Waihere and Glory blocks will transfer subject to reserve status not inconsistent with the conditions set out above;
- b. Rangiauria Scenic Reserve, subject to its current reserve status;
- c. approximately 25 ha of the Waipaua Conservation Area, subject to reserve status; and
- d. 1 ha of the Waipaua Conservation Area unencumbered (to be located east of the Flower Pot-Glory Road between the mouth of the Waipaua Stream and Glory Bay).

I note the revised Crown offer to Moriori no longer includes the transfer of the area known as Ankora within the Waipaua Conservation Area, where I understand the Pitt Island community camp in summer. This will remain in Crown ownership and be managed as a reserve. I consider this, along with the conditions upon the transfer of the Waihere and Glory blocks, to address the concerns you have raised with my officials.

The Crown offer to Moriori includes a co-management arrangement with the Department of Conservation over the area of remnant indigenous forest within the Waipaua Conservation Area, comprising a mix of Crown-owned land (164 ha approximately) and land proposed for transfer to Moriori (approximately 25 ha east of the Flower Pot-Glory Road).

The Crown offer to Moriori also includes overlay classifications over the following Pitt Island public conservation lands:

- a. Waipaua Scenic Reserve;
- b. Canister Cove Scenic Reserve;
- c. Rangatira Nature Reserve; and
- d. Mangere Island Nature Reserve.

An overlay classification is a statutory instrument that acknowledges a claimant group's spiritual, cultural, historical, and traditional values in respect of a site. It requires the Department of Conservation to allow the claimant group to have input into the management of the site to avoid harming these values.

I am committed to reaching a settlement with both Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga. At the same time, I understand the concerns the Pitt Island community have about the economic sustainability of Pitt Island. As such, please contact my officials should you have any questions about the revised Crown offer to Moriori.

*Next steps*

It is for Moriori to consider the revised offer. I expect they will respond to me in the new year. My officials will continue to communicate with you as appropriate over the course of the settlement.

Yours sincerely



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